Reply to Office Action of July 31, 2007

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For: Method And Apparatus For Fast On-) Line Automatic Speaker/ Environment Adaptation For Speech/ Speaker Recognition) In The Presence Of Changing Environments)

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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In reply to the Office Action dated 07/31/2007, for which the period of response has been extended to 10/31/2007, the Applicant(s) respectfully request the entry and consideration of the following amendments and/or remarks to the above captioned application. No new subject matter has been added, and all remarks herein are made without prejudice.

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES PRESENT FOR INTERVIEW

1. Examiner: Huyen X. Vo

5 2. Representative for Inventor: Marcus Risso

IDENTIFICATION OF THE CLAIMS DISCUSSED

Claims 83-123 were discussed during the phone interview.

10 GENERAL THRUST OF THE PRINCIPAL ARGUMENTS OF THE APPLICANTS AND THE EXAMINER AND CONTENT OF INTERVIEW

During the interview, the Applicants' representative Marcus Risso pointed out to the Examiner that the computer program product claims (i.e., Claims 83-123) as filed included the limitation "stored on a computer readable medium for" which is sufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection. Specifically, since the means of Claims 83-123 are encoded on a computer readable medium for causing a series of operations on a computer and are not "carrier waves" as suggested by the Examiner, the claims as originally presented should be allowed.

Based on this understanding, the Examiner agreed that the claims as originally presented should be allowed. The Examiner further advised the Applicants' Representative to submit a response, without any amendments, reiterating the context of the phone interview. Thus, per the Examiner's instructions, the Applicants hereby submit the following response and respectfully requests timely allowance of all pending claims.

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